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WORK OF SKB 143, LENINGRAD

1. Until the end of the war, the German design group "Gluechauf" worked at Blankenburg/Harz. This group worked first with the type XXI submarine and later with the type XXVI submarine. The group also worked on the Walter engine for the latter. When the Soviets entered Blankenburg in 1945, they persuaded two Germans, Dr. Friedrich SZTATECSNY and Willi WITT, to work for them. WITT organized those specialists who were still in Blankenburg and recruited others from the East and West Zones of Germany for the Special Design Bureau which Dr. SZTATECSNY had planned. In September 1946, the Bureau, which was call Design Bureau Dr. Sztatescny, began work on the reconstruction of the type XXVI submarine. Three or four months later, ANTIPIN, a Soviet navy colonel, arrived and took over leadership of the group. The group was then known as Design Bureau Antipin, with the main interest directed at reproducing the Walter engine.

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supposed to have worked on further development of the reconstructed designs which had been reproduced in Blankenburg. However, the Soviets in SKB 143 had redrawn the plans to Soviet standards so poorly that the Germans spent the entire time in the USSR recopying the Blankenburg plans and aiding in the actual construction and installation of the Walter system. No development beyond that which the Germans had done during the war was achieved. The SKB offices and the workshop were located at a shipyard, while the SKB office occupied by the Germans was located in the ground floor apartment at 18 Kuznetsovskaya Ulitsa, where they also lived.¹

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ORGANIZATION OF SKB 143

3. SKB 143 was subordinate to the MSP /Ministry of the Shipbuilding Industry/ in Moscow. SKB 143 had its administrative offices and machine design bureau at the shipyard in Leningrad. The assembly hall and associated workshop were also located at the shipyard. We had heard that there was a hull design group also attached to the SKB, but we never knew if this or other groups actually existed. The only indication of organizational structure within SKB 143 is found in the titles of the Soviet personalities /see below/, since we were kept apart from the Soviets as much as possible. Our

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below in order of importance. /See pages 3 through 8 for short biographical sketches./

ShipyardSOVIETS (only Soviets worked at the shipyard)

ANTIPIN	Navy colonel	Head of SKB 143
KOLOSOVSKIY	Civilian	Deputy Head of SKB 143
SLOTOPOLSKIY	Navy Colonel	Technical Head of SKB 143
STANKEVICH	Civilian	Chief Engineer
ROTSHTEYNA	Civilian	Chief Engineer
BRAKHMAN	Navy Colonel	Naval Training Officer
MINOVITSKIY	Civilian	Dipl. Ing.
SHETKOV	Civilian	Personnel Chief

SOVIETS

CHIPURIN
NARODSKIY
ROMANOV
NAZAROVA, Nina
VARABEVA (now Mrs. KANEYEVA)
DUBITSKAYA, Mrs.
BRYANTSEV
KANEYEV

Chief Kommandant
Kommandant
Kommandant
Translator-escort
Translator-escort
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